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THE PHANTOM SHIP.

The anchor's weighed, the harbor past,
Away! away! the ship flies fast.
The skipper's wife is at his side,
In fear she scans the darkening tide.
"Fear not," quoth he; "thou'rt safe with me,
Though the fiend himself should sail the sea!"
And merrily ho! the breezes blow,
Over the sea the ship doth go.

The sea grew black, the wind blew high;
"A ship! A ship!" the sailors cry;
Down sank the blood-red sun in flame,
But nearer still the vessel came.
She had no sails, no oars, no crew!
But nearer, nearer still she flew.
One lone dark man on deck they see,
They can hear him laughing mockingly.

The skipper stood with frozen stare,
His man were white with wild despair;
The tempest shrieked, the sea was flame,
And nearer still the strange ship came.
Down knelt the skipper's wife and prayed.
"God of the sailors, send us aid."
Each stony sailor bent his knee:
"Save us, O Lord! we cry to Thee!"

Hurrah! Hurrah! the spell is done!
The phantom ship is gone, is gone!
The winds are fair, and fair the tide;
The skipper's wife is at his side.
He holds her hand, he cannot speak,
A tear rolls down his rugged cheek;
And merrily ho! the breezes blow,
Over the sea the ship doth go.

FREDERICK E. WEATHERLY.

Our First Difficulty.

Robert and I had been married eighteen months before we seriously disagreed in anything. Our life during that time had not been a season of perfect bliss as some would have it, but we certainly had been happy—as happy I think as any can before reaching Paradise, and when our baby came, it seemed as if our cup was full to overflowing. I like, even now, to dwell on the joy of those days when I was first a mother, and as for Robert, I think there never was a prouder or more affectionate father than he. "Well, Esther," he would say when he came in at night, "we are not rich in houses and lands as some are; but we are rich in our daughter; she is like wisdom, for she is more precious than rubies."

But I know that the fond praise of doting parents is but emptiness to others, so I will not tire you by repeating all he said. It was not idle talk to me, however; no praise to my imagination was too great for my little one, my May-blossom as I called her, for she came to us in the merry month of May. Never, we both agreed, was there a child so wonderful as ours, and before the little stranger had been with us a month, we had laid many brilliant plans for her future.

But I am wandering from my story.

We were living in Kansas, far away from both Robert's relations and my own. We had not, therefore, as is generally the case, a host of aunts, uncles and cousins to urge that the child should be named according to their fancy. So it come to pass that our lady was nearly two months old before the subject had been debated. But one day, how well I remember it, Robert said, as he tossed her in his arms for a final good-by before returning to the store, "Esther, don't you think it's about time this maiden of ours had a name of her own? Wilson was asking me this morning what we had decided to call her, and I told him I supposed we thought her good enough without a name, for we had never spoken about it."

"Mr. Wilson's child was named before he was a week old, so I don't wonder that he thinks us rather tardy," said I.

"Well, what shall it be, Esther? Rosamond or Rachel? Bridget or Joanna? Kate or Arabella? Or haven't you thought of the matter yet?"

"Our child's name was decided in my own mind long ago," I answered, and then for some reason I cannot account for, I hesitated, though I certainly had no idea of what was to follow.

"Well, let us hear it. It is something extraordinary, I suppose; nothing less would suit our darling."

"It is Mary," I said.

"Mary! surely you must be joking. You can't mean it, Esther!"

"Why not?" I asked, the blood rushing to my face involuntarily.

"So you have a Byronic passion for the name of Mary. Well, I must acknowledge that I am entirely free from it. But seriously, Esther, you cannot think of calling our daughter by that name?"

"But I do think of it," I responded, "and I cannot imagine what objection you can have, for almost every one agrees that there is no sweeter name."

My husband's face grew dark.

"Any name but that, Esther; you might as well not name the child at all. Hardly a family of any size in the country but has a Mary among its members. But I can't talk any longer now; I shall be late as it is. Look in the directory, and find something else that suits you, and tell me at tea."

And he kissed both baby and me, and was gone.

I can hardly tell you what my feelings were during the long hours of that afternoon. It is true that my husband and I had differed before in matters of taste or opinion, but it had been comparatively easy to yield them. My child's name, however, was a different matter. I could not remember the time when I had not looked forward to call my oldest daughter by the name of Mary. My doll-babies, one and all, had been called by it. It was dear to me above every other name—and now to give it up—"Never, I cannot, and I shall not!" I said firmly to myself.

At the tea-table that evening, we discussed a variety of topics, but both avoided, as if by common consent, the one subject nearest our hearts. When the meal was over, however, and we sat together near our little one's cradle, Robert commenced:

"Well, Esther, have you found any name this afternoon that pleased you? I've been thinking the matter over, and I've come to the conclusion that Laura and Evelyn suit me very well—Laura Evelyn Spencer. How do you like it?"

"I like both names well enough," I answered coldly, "but there is only one name for our daughter, and that I have told you. It is my mother's name, as you know, Robert, and I have always said that my first daughter should be my mother's namesake, but I never dreamed that you would feel so about it," I continued, ready to cry, yet keeping the tears back by a great effort.

"If your mother was not living, Esther, there would be some reason for your feeling so, but as it is——"

"If my mother was dead, I would not care so much about it, for it then could afford her no pleasure," I cried.

"If it were any name but Mary, I would consent, even though it did not please me," said Robert. "Come Esther, be reasonable; there are so many pretty names, and Mary, besides being so common, is to me the very essence of plainness."

But my mind was made up, and I would not listen.

"She is your daughter, as well as mine, Robert," I said, "and, of course, you will name her to suit yourself, but to me, she can never be any other than what I have said."

How our conversation would have ended I cannot tell, but fortunately for both of us, it was interrupted by callers who spent the evening with us, and for the time being our dispute and its cause were forgotten.

At breakfast the next morning the subject was not once alluded to in even the most remote way, and at noon and in the evening it was the same.

Another day came and went, and still another, and yet not a word was said. Our table-talk was no longer the pleasant pastime it had once been, for we found it difficult to sustain a conversation on topics of minor interest, while the one subject which engrossed our hearts and minds was tabooed.

"Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

As day after day passed away, and the week drew to a close, a heavy weight settled on my heart. My husband appeared a different person to me. It seemed to me that a great gulf had come between us; even baby, who before had been associated only with the purest, deepest joy, seemed changed. I could not take her in my arms without thinking of what I chose to call my trouble.

Friday morning came. It was a lovely, sunshiny day; but it seemed to me the dreariest ever sun rose upon.

"Who would think Robert could be so obstinate?" I said to myself, as I rocked my little one to sleep.

Just before noon our pastor called. I was so ill at ease that it was with difficulty that I sustained my part in the conversation. I suppose he noticed my agitation, for he inquired if I were well as usual. For an instant I felt half inclined to tell him all. It seemed as if it would be a relief to open my heart to some one; but a feeling of pride restrained me.

Robert seemed unusually silent at dinner, and I fancied he was looking pale and ill. He kissed the baby, but did not toss her in the air and play with her as he generally did; as for myself, every word I spoke cost me an effort. When Robert had gone, I took my little girlin my arms and rocked her to sleep, then I threw myself in the chair again, and silently brooded over my unhappiness. It seemed to me that a good hearty cry would be a luxury, but it was a luxury in which I had determined I would not indulge.

The time passed slowly away, and I began to wonder why baby did not wake. I went over to the cradle. Her face was flushed, and I thought her breathing very unnatural. "What if our darling should be ill?" I cried, and then with a chill at my heart, "What if God should take from us the cause of our dispute?"

At that thought a great revulsion of feeling came over me, I knelt down by my baby's cradle and wept unrestrainedly.

"After all," I thought, "is it not natural that Robert should not care to have his child given so common a name as Mary? And what right have I to decide without consulting him what her name should be? Oh, if he would only come!"

I took baby in my arms and went to the window to look for him. Then I remembered his pale face at dinner.

"If anything should happen I should never forgive myself," I said.

At last I heard his footsteps on the stairs; I laid baby down and just rushed to meet him.

"Oh, Robert!" I cried, as I threw my arms around his neck, "name her Laura or anything you please, but do let us love each other again."

He kissed me in silence, and then went into the parlor. In an instant he came out, bringing with him my father's wedding gift—a large family Bible.

He opened it, and turning to the Family Record, pointed to a line under the head of Births. It was this: Mary Evelyn Spencer, born May 19, 1855.

"I wrote it this noon," he said.

I cannot tell what happened next, for I really do not know; but I have had seven children since then, and they have all been named without the least particle of trouble between their father and mother, and in closing this little account of our first real difficulty, I thank God that I am enabled to declare it was not only our first, but our last.

STAPLE FOOD.—It is an error to suppose that Neapolitans and Sicilians eat next to nothing but macaroni. Not a fifth of the population of Naples tastes it save on Sunday. It is too costly. Indian meal is the staple food.

THE CADET'S STORY.

A BIT OF WEST POINT ROMANCE.

The Deserted Baby and its Newly Found Protector.

Furlough time came, and the third class started on their long-looked-forward-to leave. In my day it was customary for the class to take a New York boat, make up a common purse, elect a treasurer, each contributing ten dollars, or such a matter, and go down to the city for a couple of days' frolic before separating for their several homes. They would go to the American Hotel, kept by Cozzens, who knew them all, as he was caterer of our mess hall at the Point, and also host of the inn at the same place. Rooms were assigned, but not many of the boys would make their appearance until the fund was exhausted. It would be arranged that all should meet at the same place for another bout at or near the expiration of the furlough. One young man, however, did not join the New York party, but started straight for home. At Albany he took his place in the railway coach, and, as it happened, the only vacant seat was beside a neatly-dressed Irish woman with a baby. It was a child of unusual beauty, and as he had been for three years banished from all contact with babies, he became interested in the little one.

The train stopped at a station, and the woman asked him to mind the baby for an instant while she went upon an errand. He consented, and made merry with the infant, until he noticed the train was in motion and the woman had not returned. Great was his consternation at finding himself with a baby on his hands. The passengers thought it was a good joke, and enjoyed his discomfiture. He felt the cold chills run over him when he realized that he had been made the victim of a cruel act on the part of the supposed mother. His first impulse was to leave the little one on the seat and fly to another car; then came the question of honor. The helpless, pretty child had been left in his charge, and he would be a sneak to desert it. So he resolved to be a man and stick to his baby.

After a time the little one's stomach became empty, and it began to call loudly for something he was unable to supply. Louder became the bleatings, until he was nearly distracted. He danced it up and down, carried it about, but baby would not be consoled.

At the far end of the car sat a gentleman and his wife and infant. The mother's heart was touched, and she made signs to him that she might be able to quiet the baby. He gladly consented to a loan of his treasure for half an hour, at the end of which time it was restored to him cooing and smiling with satisfaction. From the kind lady he received some interesting information. She said:

"That child is not the daughter of the woman who left her with you, and I am satisfied she was stolen, and that, too, from the family of an army officer. Her clothing is of the finest, and about her neck hangs a miniature of a man in military uniform." This, of course, clenched his purpose to cling to the baby. Arriving at Boston, he went to a hotel and bribed a chambermaid to care for his charge until morning, but before daylight she was standing at his door begging to be relieved lest she should be the victim of a scandal. He took the stage for his country home, and the driver, who knew him well, grinned from ear to ear when he saw the gray-coated, bell-buttoned cadet lugging a baby, but he let him grin without condescending to make an explanation. He knew he was right, and that was enough for him.

As the stage drove up to the paternal mansion the family rushed to the door to meet him, and when he emerged bearing in his arms a baby his sisters screamed and ran, his mother nearly fainted, while his father, almost choking with rage, cried:

"Take it back, you rascal! How dare you bring your brats to my house?"

The explanation of how he came by it made all things clear, and instead of reproaches he was hugged and wept over, and the baby was adopted without further ceremony. Advertisements were inserted in all the principal papers, describing the child, but no answer came. An impenetrable mystery surrounded the child, and nothing remained but to rear it as one of the family. At the end of his furlough the cadet was compelled to turn his back on his baby and return to studies and drill.

The following summer he graduated, and, flying homeward, he found all of the glowing accounts of his beautiful baby more than justified, and it was wonderful how the little one learned to love him. She seemed to have an instinct that he was her preserver.

Years passed; he saw service in the field, on the frontier, and in the everglades of Florida, and his baby in the meantime grew to the ripeness and beauty of perfect womanhood. By some means the mystery of her early life became known to her; and then came a change in the tone of the letters. There was a vast difference between an older brother and one who had rescued her from a fate the issues of which it was impossible to know.

In due time the officer went abroad, and on the return voyage he made the acquaintance of an American whose face possessed for him a curious attraction. He was certain that he had met him before, but to his surprise he found that the gentleman had not been in America since he—our hero—was a cadet at the Military Academy. He learned from him his history. It appears that, about sixteen years before, his wife had died of an epidemic and his child had been placed in charge of a woman to nurse, and she disappeared with it. Almost crazed with grief at his double loss, he had resigned from the army and fled to Europe, and was now returning with a faint hope of finding his lost child. The officer then told his story, and the miniature upon the child's neck and the resemblance to the disconsolate father was sufficient to establish the identity of the child; his baby was the stranger's daughter. There was a happy reunion; the father almost beside himself with joy, as was the daughter at the discovery of her father, and all were radiant at the happy clearing up of the mystery which enshrouded her origin. Not long after it was found that a new element had developed itself between the cadet and his baby, and, as the story goes, the newly-found father gave his consent, and they were duly married. Thus by having the nerve to withstand the temptation to forsake the wee lone one left in his charge he made many lives happy, and one of those was merged into his own.

A RACE FOR NEWS.

Hurrying From New York to Albany with the President's Message.

In the autobiography of Thurlow Weed is the following: There used to be a sharp rivalry between *The Argus* and *Evening Journal* to obtain the earliest news. The earliest copy of the President's annual message to Congress was the occasion of much solicitude. Such messages were usually received about the close of the season of navigation. On one of these occasions I went to New York to obtain the earliest possible copy of President Jackson's message. Mr. Obadiah Van Benthuysen, one of the proprietors of *The Argus*, went to New York on the same boat and on the same errand. Colonel J. Watson Webb, one of the editors of *The Courier and Enquirer*, had been favored with a copy of the message in advance of its delivery to Congress. No other New York paper had it. Colonel Webb, then in political accord with *The Argus*, promised Mr. Van Benthuysen the first copy printed of *The Courier*, while I was to receive the second. The steamboat De Witt Clinton, Captain Sherman, by an arrangement which Mr. Van Benthuysen had made with the agent, was to delay her departure from 5 o'clock p. m. until Mr. Van Benthuysen came on board, should he be able to do so by 11 o'clock.

My friend, Captain Sherman, advised me of this arrangement, adding that his orders were to have everything in readiness to cast off his lines the moment Mr. Van Benthuysen could get on board, expressing the hope that I might also get there before the boat was out of the dock.

We both passed the evening at the office of the *The Courier and Enquirer*, with backs in waiting at the door. Toward ten o'clock the first proof impression of the message was taken and handed to Mr. Van Benthuysen, who instantly made his exit. There was a delay of nearly two minutes before I obtained a copy. In descending three flights of stairs I found the lights extinguished and was compelled to grope my way down. In this way I lost another minute, in consequence of which I reached the wharf to find the steamer under way about twenty feet from the dock. I learned from an acquaintance who was standing on the dock that a freight steamer would leave early the next morning. Proceeding to the dock of that steamer I induced the agent to fire up and get under way at as early an hour as practicable. We were off in two hours after the departure of the De Witt Clinton, and reached Poughkeepsie, where both boats were detained by the ice an hour or two, after Mr. Van Benthuysen had departed in the mail stage for Albany. I found "Bally," a well-known and active livery stable man, who assured me that he could overtake the stage before it reached Albany. In a very few minutes, therefore, I was seated in a cutter—for the sleighing was good—and off, express to Albany. "Bally" was as good as his word, for in approaching Greenbush the stage was in sight, scarcely a quarter of a mile ahead of us. Mr. Van Benthuysen and myself ran a foot-race across the river on the ice, and *The Journal* and *The Argus* issued the message in an extra simultaneously.—

Black Sea Pirates.

Advices from Odessa, via. St. Petersburg, bring the details of a formidable system of fraud which has just been brought to light in connection with the shipping trade. The straits of Kertch, or Yenikale, are one of the most dangerous passages of the Black Sea, and of late years the number of vessels wrecked on the adjoining coasts had reached an extraordinary aggregate. The English insurance companies have paid indemnities amounting to many millions of rubles.

Attention has, however, been drawn to the fact that a great many of these disasters occurred in calm weather, and other suspicious circumstances are noticed, such as fortunes rapidly made by some of the pilots. Information was sent to London that an individual named Francesco, a former pilot, of Italian origin, was the head of a band of pirates of various nations—Englishmen, Italians, Greeks and Russians—who made their living by the disasters on the coast. They were in collusion with the pilots and charged huge sums for assisting the vessels which the pilots suffered to go ashore.

In less than two years fifty vessels were stranded and had recourse to the assistance of these pirate salvors. An English marine insurance company, on learning these facts, sent one of its agents to Odessa to lay the matter before the authorities. A preliminary inquiry has fully confirmed the suspicions of the public, and it is said some government officials are compromised in the matter.

THE GUITAR PERIOD.

AN EPISODE IN THE TENDER LIFE OF EVERY YOUNG MAN.

The First Guitar and the Sensation it Creates in the Household.

[From the Milwaukee Sun.]

There is a time in the life of every boy when he is taken with the fever to learn to play the guitar. The fever comes on about the time that he first falls in love, and that is at the age of fourteen or fifteen. He may think he is in love at twelve years of age, but that is only a suggestion. At fourteen he is in love to such an extent that it actually makes him tired to carry it around. He has been reading novels in which there is always a Spaniard or an Italian lover, dressed in fantastic costume, who takes a guitar and goes to serenade the girl in the novel, and she comes to the window and throws a kiss at the lover, and then comes down herself, and they lallygag on the grass and talk foreign love and catch cold, and the boy thinks that is about the finest scheme that he ever read of, and he decides to obtain a guitar. It is some days before he can muster up courage enough to speak to his mother about buying a guitar, and he wouldn't dare to speak to his father about it. His mother has noticed that he has not seemed well lately, and as she has watched him moping around and sighing, she has felt that he is having his young life sapped away by study, or that worms are feeding on his damask stomach. The old man, who has been there, knows that the kid is in love, and his recipe would be weeding onions, or carrying in coal, but the good mother's tender heart is touched, and she consents to the guitar scheme, and shortly afterward there is a weird, ghostly sound coming from the attic that is a cross between the seolian music of a breeze sighing through a wire window screen, and a couple of cats tuning up for a gooseberry bush symphony in E-flat, with boot-jack bouquets.

The boy thumbs the strings of the guitar in silence, when his father is not around, and dreams of the time when he can play an accompaniment to a love song, and put on a velvet jacket, trimmed with gold lace, a wide sombrero, and go to the house of his girl and warble through the black moustache which he is sure will soon put in an appearance on his lip. Oh, how he suffers, as he thumbs the strings and fails to detect the first principles of a tune, but now patiently he works. He keeps it up until he wears the skin off his fingers, about which time he is surprised by his father, who follows up the strange, weird sound, and takes the boy by the neck, and in two minutes shakes the love all out of him and sets him at work mowing away hay in the barn. There is no one thing that will take the incipient fourteen year old love out of a boy like mowing away hay in a barn. He does not have time to dream of the Spaniard with the guitar, and the beautiful girl at the casement dressed in flowing robes, and her hair gathered in a blue ribbon. He has to pitch hay or be covered up, and so he pitches hay. The guitar period is one of the most critical periods in the life of a boy. If he succeeds in learning to play a tune, and his voice becomes trained to such an extent that he can sing without being frightened at the noise, then he is gone. From that out he becomes a dude, whose sole ambition is to be called upon to sing, and he will try to look sweet, and will sing love songs at private parties, with his hand in his bosom, and think the ladies all yearn for him, when they feel as though they would like to take him across their knees, and caress him with a press board. He will be no good on earth, and will haunt music stores, and have no ambition but to go to some place where there is to be music, and where he will be called upon to "favor the company."

He becomes the laughing stock of his friends, his parents are ashamed of him, and his voice becomes his sole care, and he never amounts to a row of pins. When a boy arrives at the guitar period, and begins to go around as though he was too weak to walk and too lazy to eat, and crawls off to read novels, and sighs when his mother looks lovingly at him, then is the time to wake him up, and the father is the only one to do it. It has got to be done right away, or it will be everlastingly too late, for every day that the fever is allowed to remain in his system makes it harder to break up. Some fathers can talk a boy out of the guitar disease and show him that he is liable to graduate as a dude, and some try the method of shaking. One man was very successful with his boy, by following him to the attic and catching him in the act of fumbling the guitar, and taking him by the collar with one hand, and the guitar by the neck with the other, and wearing up the guitar over the lower level of the boy's spine, and sending the boy out into the pasture to wean a calf and teach it to drink out of a pail, but that always seemed a little harsh, as we had to pay for the guitar in installments afterward, and the mother of the calf drove us over a fence real spry. However, a boy wants to be attended to at the guitar period, and shown the folly of it, or he will hate himself forever after. When parents find it coming on they should consult each other and take prompt action, or the boy that is their prid will go through life singing through his nose, "Oilly a Padzy Bleasom," or "O, Cub, O, Cub, with Be, the Bood is Beeling."

A SCHOOLMISTRESS of Yreka, Cal., while on her way to school, was attacked by an infuriated steer. "She seized the animal by the horns and held him until help came." The next day she saw a rat in the school room, when she hastily gathered her skirts about her, jumped up on a desk, and yelled murder. A rat has no horns for a woman to grab hold of.—*Norristown Herald.*

LIFE ON A FARM.

What the Children Had to Say of Their Two Weeks in Clinton County.

[From the New York Truth.]

To one who had seen the crowd of almost 500 children bound for country homes and farm houses that left the foot of Christopher street as beneficiaries of the *Tribune* Fresh Air Fund about a month ago, and then looked upon the same youngsters as they trooped over the gang-plank from the steamer Belle Horton early the other morning, the conviction that he was actually awake would have been tempered with feelings of doubt. Though, as *Truth* remembered on their departure their faces were clean and every eye sparkled with pleasant anticipations, all the countenances had borne that dull, leaden, tired-out look that told of life among dusty tenements and dirty streets and alleys.

It would have been hard to deny that they they were not country lads and lassies. They had grown fat both in face and form, browned by the genial rays of the sun, and altogether were the very pictures of ruddy health as they ran gleefully to greet the mothers and sisters who had anxiously waited for them on the wharf. They were safe again at home, and the long days of anxiety to the loving mother, though fleeting moments' enjoyment to the child, were ended. The majority of the little ones were girls, and almost all of them carried bundles nearly as large as themselves, containing clothing, while others had curious little boxes which every once in a while they would peep into. * * * Not a few mistook the little red-faced girls and boys for miniature country folks, while one burly 'longshoreman, who evidently thought he was looking at a lot of newly arrived emigrants, said with a laugh:

"Arrah! But there's as purty a lot o' futhure Americans as I ever see! By the powers, they have been assisted cor rectly."

One little girl, whose lively manners and romping mood made her noticeable among her companions, said to *Truth*: "Oh! I had a splendid time. What did I do? Why, had fun, of course. I was in a big farmhouse where they had lots of horses, and cows, and pigs, and chickens, and—and"

"What else?"

"Oh! lots of things. And then I had awful fun, running around and scaring the chickens. Did I tell you they had chickens? Well, they had a big lot. There was one big rooster who waked me up every morning—he made such a big noise. Sometimes we used to go and meet some of the other girls, and then we'd all go out looking for berries. Oh! you can get an awful lot of blackberries up where I was. One day when we went up I got 'most four big cans full. I ate a whole lot myself when nobody was looking, and the next day—oh!—I was so awful sick," and the little one gave her features a nervous twitch that spoke more than words the intensity of her feelings and the vivid remembrance of that "next day."

"Tell him about the snake, Maggie," broke in another one of the party.

"Oh, yes. I saw a mighty big snake when we were berrying one day. I was stooping down to pick up a nice bunch of big ripe ones, when right in front of me I saw something that looked like the twig wriggling about. Then I thought it must be a snake, and I gave an awful big scream. My pail was lying right near me filled with berries, but I didn't care for that, and I just took it up and hit the snake on the head—and—and—and"

"Killed him, I suppose?"

"No," and the little maiden laughed at the way she had fooled the scribe. "He just turned to one side and wriggled away in the bushes to some hole that must have been near there, for I looked all over and couldn't see him. The next time I hit a snake after this I'm going to hit him, and hard."

Many of the kindly farmers were not satisfied with taking the few they had promised to provide for, but begged for more. Huge picnic parties were gotten up for the children, and the air of the pleasant groves in the vicinity grew thick with the busy prattle and clatter of the infantile tongues; tiny feet trod upon the mossy rocks past which the glittering waters of winding brooks and rivulets speed, and the little calico-clad figures raced after the frightened squirrels and handsome butterflies.

Blueberrying was indulged at Flatt Rock, near Chazy, where there are 10,000 acres of the luscious fruit.

Up Around the Pole.

The steamship Eagle arrived at St. Johns, N. F., with a good paying cargo of seal oil and skins. Captain Jackman in his report says that he "saw but one solitary iceberg on my way down or homeward bound, and this had carrying along on its top surface a bowlder of about two tons' weight. The crew of the Eagle succeeded in getting it attached to one of the ship's cables and hoisted it on board. It now lies on the quarter deck of the Eagle, and strangely enough, it is of quartz formation, with some fine specimens of gold cropping through it." He says: "I am of the opinion that the Proteus will meet with insuperable difficulties. We were as high up as sixty-seven, and from my observations I judge that this will be a remarkable year for ice in high latitudes. There has been no outflow of Arctic ice during the spring or early summer months, from which I conclude that the frost did not relax enough to cause any liberation or southern descent of the Arctic floes."

A FASHION item announces that ladies are wearing V-shaped bodices. A V-shaped bodice spoils an X-shaped nose.

THE HUMOROUS PAPERS.

WHAT WE FIND IN THEM TO SMILE OVER THIS WEEK.

He Knew too Much—An Arkansaw Story—The Watermellyon in the Lime-Kiln Club—The Parasol, Etc., Etc.

A GENTLE HINT.

They—these two, whose lives were bound up in each other, whose hearts beat synchronously, and who had but one idea between them—sat on the back piazza in the shadow of the moonlight about 11 o'clock at night, when the mother of the girl put out the milk can previous to retiring for the night. Softly breaking the silence the good woman spoke:

"When the milkman comes in the morning don't you two drink up all the milk; leave a little for breakfast."—*Lowell Citizen.*

WHAT HE MISSED.

"Boy," said an excursionist to a bootblack at the post office yesterday, "are there any sights worth seeing near here?"

"Not this afternoon, as I kin think on," was the reply, "but you missed an awful big thing this forenoon."

"What was that?"

"Woman passed a bogus quarter on a man up here. Man passed a green watermelon on the woman. Both found it out about the same time, and it was 'nuff to make your blood run cold. She called him a gentleman, and he called her a lady, and she burstad the green melon on the flour, and he flung the bogus quarter at a dog, and a horse he run away, and two boys had a fight, and the woman cried, and it was the awfullest time we ever saw. Next time you are coming on a 'scursion you'd better telegraph me and see is there anything big going on."—*Detroit Free Press.*

WOULD BURST INTO SOMETHING.

"Theatrical troupe in town, ain't there?" inquired Bud Kaufman of an Austin drug dealer.

"Yes, I heard so this afternoon," was the reply.

"Are they going to burst into the burning eloquence of the immortal bard?"

"I don't know about that," replied the drug dealer. "I heard the landlord of hotel where they were stopping say that he thought they would burst into something before they managed to pay bills and get their baggage away."—*Texas Siftings.*

THE WATERMELLYON.

A communication from Josephens Jackson, an honorary member of the Lime-Kiln Club residing in Washington, made inquiries if Brother Gardner had a recipe for telling a ripe watermelon from a green one. If so, the Commissioner of Agriculture wanted it at once and would send the club enough seed to raise five acres of Canadian thistles.

"Yes, I reckon I has a recipe dat nebber fails," replied the old man. "When I feels de need of a watermellyon tonic I goes down to de market an' looks around. In de fust place, pick for a mellyon dat am well built an well roofed over. Let yer mellyon be all body an' no legs. Put it on de floo' an' press on it. Listen for a cracklin' noise. Den thump on it an' listen for an echo. Den roll it along an' see if it seems chunky. Den ax de man if he am suah it am ripe. Den thump it some mo'. Den remark you won't take it unless it am plugged. If de plug shows up red an' juicy an' sort o' angelic, take de mellyon home. Dere am three chances out'er five dat it ain't half ripe, but you kin take revenge by dividin' wid your naybur if it am green."—*Detroit Free Press.*

NO STOCK ON HAND.

A vigorous old fellow in Maine who had lately buried his fourth wife, was accosted by an acquaintance, who, unaware of his bereavement, asked:

"How is your wife, Cap'n Plowjogger?"

To which the Cap'n replied with a perfectly grave face:

"Waal, to tell ye the trewth, I am kinder out of wives just noaw."—*Boston Commercial.*

THE PARASOL.

Before Marriage:—"Excuse me, George. Did my parasol hurt you?"

"Oh, no, my dear. It would be a pleasure if it did."

After Marriage:—"Great heavens! There was never a woman under the sun that knew how to carry a parasol without scratching a fellow's eyes out."

"And there never was a man who knew enough to walk on the right side of a woman with a parasol."

"There isn't any right side to a woman with a parasol."

SMALL THINGS.

Nothing is ever lost by taking pains in small things. The butcher who rolls up your purchase into a great clumsy bundle you never can respect; but your heart yearns toward him who says, "You would like to have me trim this, sir?" following up the query by removing two pounds of bone and four pounds of flesh from the seven pounds of meat which has cost you $1.75. Your heart yearns to him notwithstanding you have but twenty-five cents' worth of your share of the transaction, while he has your gratuity of $1.50. The only thing which saddens you in the whole matter is the thought that the next time that butcher sells those trimmings he will realize but three cents per pound for them.—*Boston Transcript.*

A YOUNGSTER'S REASON.

"Mamma," cried a little four-year old girl, after coming from a walking with her next oldest sister, "Mamie shoved against me and pushed me down right before some gentlemen, and hurt me, too."

"Well, it doesn't hurt you now, does it? Then why do you cry?"

"'Cause I didn't cry any when she pushed me down."—*Kentucky Journal.*

WELL PRESERVED.

"And how old did you say she was?" asked Mrs. Jenkins of the Museum attendant, pointing her sunshade at the Egyptian mummy in a case.

"Four thousand years, ma'am," answered the man.

"Do tell; wonderfully well preserved at that age, ain't she? Are her teeth false?"—*Lowell Citizen.*

LAWYERS' STORIES.

"I was examining a witness in a case once," said Emory Storrs, "and he was drunk. It was about a horse for which damages were wanted by the owner on account of a botch which a horse-clipper had made in shaving the animal's tail. This witness had seen the work done. I asked him if he held the horse's tail while it was being shaved. He shut one eye, and looking at me with the other, he answered: 'Zshat wush one of shem (hic) 'cases zshat could hold his own tail.' I lost the case."

WHY HE KNEW SO MUCH.

The other day on an Arkansaw railroad, an Englishman who came to look at the country and criticise American institutions, took a seat beside an unassuming gentleman and entered into conversation. The unassuming gentleman talked freely, and the Englishman was charmed with his new acquaintance. After a while they began to talk about the tariff, a subject in which the Englishman was much interested. When the train reached Little Rock, two men came forward and conducted the tariff discourser to the platform.

"Ah," said the Englishman, shaking hands with his friend, "I am glad to have met you, and do you know that you know more about the tariff than any man I have met? Where do you stop in the city?"

Then one of the men who had come forward replied: "He's crazy, sir, we are taking him to the asylum."—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

"SANTER."

A young minister who succeeded an old worker in the promulgation of gospel to the people of a "wild and woolly" section of Arkansaw, approached the old brother and asked:

"What kind of people am I likely to meet?"

"All kinds."

"Any rough characters?"

"Some of them are pretty tough."

"Suppose they insult me, what must I do?"

"Sorter santer on as though your business called you away."

"Suppose they follow me?"

"Santer a little faster."

"Suppose they chase me?"

"Then santer like the dence."

"And if they catch me, what then?"

"In that case, I reckon you had better wait till they get through with you, and then if you are able, you'd better santer."

HOW TO PREVENT STRIKES.

Plan Proposed by a Prominent Ex-Official For the Settlements of Disputes.

A Washington dispatch says: The present status of the strike of telegraph operators excites a good deal of interest here. The effort to extend it to the railroad operators is regarded with considerable apprehension, affecting so generally, as it is believed it would, the business and commercial interests of the country. It is believed that such a climax would raise more effectually than ever before the issue between capital and labor, and that the public would finally have to interfere and prevent a demoralization of its commercial interests by settling the questions at issue.

A prominent ex-officer of the Government, who has occupied a high position in the Administration and in politics, said to your correspondent recently that this issue is one that will sooner or later claim the attention of Congress. The welfare of the country demanded that the issues so frequently being raised between capital and labor by combinations and strikes should be settled by arbitration established and regulated by law. He believed in labor having a generous reward, but the endeavor to secure this by strikes resulting in the suspension of important commercial interests and otherwise tending to demoralise the country should be prevented by legislation. The growth and oppressive measures of monopolies were no less to be dreaded than labor combinations, which are increasing and becoming more and more powerful every year.

He favors the establishment by law of a labor bureau in Washington to settle all differences arising between employer and employee. The laborer should appeal to this bureau, whose decisions would create public sentiment and exercise a sort of moral suasion upon corporations in granting just and reasonable demands made upon them by their employees. If this bureau had no legal right to establish rates of compensation to employees it would at least have a wholesome moral effect in preventing the numerous strikes, whose evils are so diversified and widespread. The gentleman thinks that a bill providing for the establishment of such a bureau will very likely be introduced and pressed next Congress.

TOO EARNEST.—A feature of the Santa Fe celebration was to have been a sham battle, intended to represent the capture of an Indian pueblo by the Spaniards. The Indians climbed to the top of one of the buildings, brandishing their bows and arrows, and emitted shrill, ear-piercing shrieks. The bold Spaniards paused. There was a hitch. The original plan was for the cavaliers to pretend to assault the pueblo, and the Indians were to let fly a shower of blunt arrows into the ground at their feet. But it occurred to the knights that arrows might go astray, and they declined to take the risk.

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THE FUNERAL OF HON. JOSEPH A. DODGE.

The funeral services of the late Hon. Joseph A. Dodge on Sunday last were the most imposing and impressive ever witnessed in this part of the state.

The sky was cloudless and the air calm and serene, an appropriate day in which to deposit in its last resting place all that was mortal of the late honored and respected high railroad official so widely mourned.

From the surrounding towns for miles in every direction people came by team and even on foot, and to these were added the large, incoming numbers by train to swell the throng. From the north as far as Lancaster, and from Boston on the south, free trains brought over 1,000 people. The locomotive attached to the several trains arriving here were heavily draped in mourning. The train from Boston left that city at 8 o'clock a. m., and consisted of a passenger coach and parlor car, drawn by the locomotive Mystic, and was in charge of station agent Thayer as conductor. The John E. Lyon drew the train from Nashua to Concord, in charge of conductor Brown. At Manchester one car was added, in which were various relatives from New Boston, his native place, near by, and also from that city. At Concord the train became one of 12 coaches, drawn by the locomotive Wentworth and in charge of Hon. Edward F. Mann as conductor. When it left Concord about 300 people were on board, but accessions at every small station even, between there and Plymouth, swelled the number nearly to a thousand. Eight cars came from the north, drawn by the Peter Clark, and two over the Pemigewasset Valley road, hauled by the Plymouth, making twenty-two in all. These trains all arrived before one o'clock, or an hour before the public funeral services.

The gathering of prominent railroad men and others of note, who in a business way have had extended connection with the Boston, Concord and Montreal road, its management and the late general manager, was very large. It is a safe assumption that in this respect and in point of the general attendance no such gathering was ever before seen in central New Hampshire. Representing the railroad system of this section of the state with additions from other points in New England, were the following: J. Thomas Vose of Boston, president; Samuel N. Bell, Peter Butler, N. H. Weeks and Warren F. Daniell, of the directory of the Boston, Concord and Montreal road; G. N. Storer, Boston passenger agent. Emmons Raymond of Boston, president of the Passumpsic road; and Henry C. Sherburne, accompanied by Mrs. Sherburne, president of the Northern railroad. Horace E. Chamberlin, superintendent; Joseph W. Fellows, clerk; James T. Gordon, master mechanic; Samuel Barrett, general freight agent of the Concord railroad. Walter Aiken, general manager, and Sylvester Marsh of the Mount Washington railroad. A. L. and W. G. Brown, N. R. Perkins and T. C. Grey, directors of the Whitefield and Jefferson railroad. B. H. Corning, superintendent of the Northern division; Ralph Adams, master mechanic; George A. Ferguson, assistant master mechanic; L. D. Badger, roadmaster of the B., C. & M. road; General Ticket Agent Morse, Superintendent Whitcomb and Woodmaster Morse, of the Montpelier and Wells River road; W. H. D. Cochrane, traveling agent for the Moosac tunnel line; John R. Winslow; J. Q. A. Bean, agent of the C. B. & Q. road. W. H. Turner, general freight agent; John Wardwell, Boston freight agent; Frank Crockett, master of transportation; Henry T. Chickering and Mr. Thayer, of the Boston and Lowell road. Charles E. Paige, Boston freight agent of the New York and New England road; George Clough of Concord, formerly of the Concord road; and many others.

Among those prominent in business and professional circles, the following may be named as a part: J. D. Patterson, Joseph Kidder and Reed P. Silver of Manchester; John M. Hill, Wm. S. Harrod, Dr. G. P. Conn, chairman, and Dr. Irving A. Watson, secretary of the state board of health, Concord; A. A. Roby, E. P. Brown and Ross C. Duffy, of Nashua; Daniel E. Hill and Warren Smith, one of the contractors who built a large portion of the Boston, Concord and Montreal road, of Northfield; C. C. Rogers and W. P. Lang of Tilton. From Laconia there was a large delegation. Included were Col. T. J. Whipple and Col. James S. Holtt, formerly of Barnstead, 90 years of age. Mr. Holtt served in the war of 1812 in a regiment of which Colonel Walbach, a German officer under Napoleon, was colonel, and John A. Dix adjutant. In this delegation were also Hon. E. A. Hibbard, E. P. Jewell, C. A. Busiel, Perley Putnam, Charles Pitman, George H. Everett and George Mead. From Lake Village there was a very large delegation, which included the railroad employees at this point in very full numbers. Besides those mentioned elsewhere were Station Agent Bedee, Station Agent W. S. Taylor, B. J. Cole, J. P. Hutchinson, Hon. Joseph C. Moore of the Manchester Union, S. C. Clark, H. B. Quimby, F. M. Rollins and others. Thomas P. Cheney of Ashland; Superintendent of the New England division of the railway mail service; Eleazer B. Parker of Franconia; Ned Woods of Bath; [illegible] Weeks, E. G. Parker, S. T. Page, C. A. [illegible] B. Smith and train despatcher Charles [illegible] of Woodsville and Haverhill; Davidson [illegible]erd and Isaac Richardson of Samuel Ab[illegible] G. W. and N. Libbey and L. Bethlehem; Whitefield; Capt. David E. Hazen of [illegible]ster; ex-Speaker A. A. Beattie of Lanca[illegible]epresentative Wm. H. Woolson and [illegible] Senator Willard, Cummings of Lisbo[illegible]s, John Hutchins, Hon. Woodbridge Od[illegible] Hon. P. B. Cogswell, Col. J. T. Clough, A[illegible] C. Leavitt, Hon. Edward F. Mann; G[illegible]e B. Reddington of Littleton; Asa T. a[illegible]he Twin Mountain and Crawford houses; A. L. Fabyan and Dr. Julian H. Jones of Bradford, Vt.; Hon. Daniel Barnard and Stephen Kenrick of Franklin; State s[illegible]ator David E. Willard of Orford; Horace Merrill, assistant superintendent of the New England railway mail service.

There was a large attendance of railroad employees generally, comprising conductors, engineers, trainmen, trackmen and shopmen of both the Boston, Concord & Montreal and the Concord roads. Many of the gentlemen above-named were accompanied by their wives. Conspicuous among the ladies was the widow of the late ex-Governor Onslow Stearns. The press was quite fully represented. The veteran P. B. Cogswell represented the Monitor and Statesman; Frank P. Kellom and city editor Harris, the People; Col. J. E. Pecker, the Journal; city editor Hulme, the Manchester Union; George Atkins, the Montpelier Argus and Patriot; Harry C. Parker, the Bradford Opinion; Matthew H. Calvert, the Boston Advertiser.

The attendance of masons was by far the largest ever known in the central portion of the state. It comprised beside the local lodge, full delegations from nine blue lodges and representatives from several others. The grand lodge was represented by Frank D. Woodbury of Concord, grand senior deacon; S. W. Emerson of Concord, grand tyler; Joseph Kidder of Manchester, grand treasurer. Besides Olive Branch No. 16, E. W. White, W. M., of Plymouth, were: Blazing Star of Concord, Frank Sanders, W. M.; Eureka of Concord, Frank P. Mace, W. M.; Doric No. 78, of Tilton, Charles F. Gould, W. M.; Meredian No. 60, of Franklin, John A. Lang, W. M.; Chocorua No. 82 of Meredith, Haven Palmer, W. M.; Mount Prospect, No. 64, of Ashland, R. F. Sanborn, W. M.; Burns, No. 61, of Littleton, A. S. Batchellor, W. M.; Kane, No. 64, of Lisbon, C. H. Willis, W. M. Harris of Warner. Laurel of Enfield, Horace Chase of Fisherville, What Cheer of Providence, R. I., and the Bristol, Lake Village, Haverhill, Lancaster and other lodges were represented. They numbered altogether about 500, and in the funeral procession formed a distinguishing feature.

At 1.30 o'clock prayers were held at the late residence of the deceased for the family and immediate friends. These were conducted by Rev. H. Porter Peck of the Congregational church. Shortly before the hour named, the Masonic bodies proceeded to the residence at the southern end of the village. Here also repaired the president and directors of the B. C. & M. road. The employees of the road and other railroad representatives formed in line at the Pemigewasset House and marched directly to the Methodist church, where the public services were to take place, occupying seats reserved for them. At the house, Olive Branch Lodge formed in two lines from the doorway to the street while the other lodges extending up still further prolonged the open ranks facing each other. Between those open lines the funeral cortege moved, the lodges forming in the rear of the carriages. A few wreaths and cut flowers comprised the floral decorations at the house. The services were brief and by two o'clock the funeral procession was on its way to church. Frank T. Lewis, assistant superintendent of the B. C. & M. road, fulfilled the duties of general manager of the entire services, private and public, assisted by General Ticket Agent George W. Storer of Boston, Assistant Master Mechanic George W. Ferguson and W. H. Raymond of the freight office here.

The pall bearers were the president and directors of the road, J. Thomas Vose, Peter Butler, Samuel N. Bell, N. H. Weeks and Warren F. Daniel. The carriers were W. R. Brackett, General Ticket agent; W. A. Cobb, cashier; G. H. Colby, of the freight office, and F. C. Lougee, of the ticket office, being the oldest officials in service at the Plymouth railroad headquarters. About a dozen carriages conveyed the family and immediate friends to the church. As the solemn procession moved over the short route, the streets on both sides was filled with spectators, and in front of the church a multitude many times the capacity of the edifice had gathered. Except the seats reserved, the house was filled to overflowing before the arrival of the cortege. Few of the Masons even could find entrance, and the vast crowd awaiting outside as interested as if able to hear the exercises till they were concluded.

The remains were encased in an elaborately wrought casket covered with black silk plush lined with white, same material, and heavily ornamented with silver trimmings, furnished by Frank W. Weeks of this place. On the casket rested a wreath of ivy, and another enfolding a bouquet of roses and a sheaf of wheat, one of which was from President Vose. The floral tributes were few in number but of exquisite taste and rare excellence of design. A large broken column, ivy white rose buds, represented the officials in the railroad office in this village. A large pillow of tuberoses and carnation pinks, bearing in the centre in purple immortelles the words, "Our Friend", was from the conductors. A bell of natural size for a locomotive, represented the locomotive engineers. This was a very beautiful design, the bell being of white roses and pinks and the frame of ivy. The pillow rested at the head, the broken column at the foot and the bell midway and in the rear of the coffin. A few baskets of water lilies from the Weirs, numerous small floral tributes and vines adorned every convenient place about the organ and desk.

The services at the church were conducted by Rev. H. P. Peck of the Congregational church, Rev. D. C. Knowles of the Methodist church and Rev. A. C. Hardy of Concord. Music was furnished by a male quartette consisting of W. E. Tenney, H. S. George, E. A. Adams and I. G. Stevens of Littleton. The services opened with singing by the quartette, "Passing Away". Reading of the scripture and prayer by Rev. H. Porter Peck. Rev. Messrs. A. C. Hardy and D. C. Knowles then made brief but highly eulogistic and touching remarks. The quartette rendered "Remember Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth," after which the general manager, Frank T. Lewis, announced that an opportunity would be given to view the remains. Those within the church first passed round from the south aisle and down the north, and then the throng upon the outside were admitted. The face of the deceased wore a calm and peaceful expression, and lay within the casket as if sleeping the earthly instead of the eternal sleep. The casket bore this simple announcement upon the silver plate: "Joseph A. Dodge. Born May 1, 1818; died August 10, 1883."

When all had taken their final leave, the casket was closed by President Vose. The Masonic brethern then took charge of the services, H. D. and O. G. Smith, E. B. Hodge, Masons S. Brown, W. R. Kimball and John Mason acting as bearers. It was past four o'clock when the cortege was re-formed and ready to move to the Trinity churchyard. The several Masonic orders before mentioned formed as escort, and following the remains were about fifty vehicles of various descriptions, accompanied by many on foot. The march to the churchyard was a mile and a half across the intervale, upon a beautiful and winding road to the table land above the river bank on the Holderness side, where stands the century old Episcopal church. The original plot in which rest the Livermores the first chief justices of the state, and some others of the old time residents, was enlarged not long ago, and in a well chosen spot on the northwest side of the addition the grave had been prepared. The lot is nicely turfed, has hammered granite edge stones, and on the north side holds the remains of the son and a near lady relative of the deceased. These graves were completely strewn with flowers. On the south side of the lot was the newly-made grave. Its sides, down to the box for the reception of the casket, were lined with hemlock, evergreen, clematis and golden rod.

At the grave the Masonic burial service was performed by Olive Branch Lodge, of which the deceased was a member. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the ritual was curtailed somewhat. It was performed by E. W. White, worshipful master; R. O. Wright, chaplain, and Alvin Burleigh, marshal. The male quartette also furnished music at the grave.

Upon the casket rested the crossed swords and white apron of the order. The brethern formed in a hollow square, extending northward from the lot, while the numerous carriages and spectators filled the adjacent avenues. The funeral words of the service were even more impressive than usual, and solemn quiet pervaded both nature and the large crowd assembled. As was then the remains were lowered five o'clock to their last resting place and each cast in the consecrated his spray of evergreen brother dropped. The sun was just disappearing below the lofty trees and the low, subdued murmur of the falling waters of the fountain rendered the scene still more sad and impressive.

It was nearly six o'clock when the various Masonic bodies left, and by the time the village on their return trains were laden hour named the special trains left. The and starting on their return [illegible] heavy one train for the south was a very [illegible] vast concourse with fourteen cars. As the [illegible] sides course began to separate, on all [illegible] had was heard but one expression, that it [illegible] been the most sorrowful day known [illegible] our beautiful village for long years.

It may truly be said that Plymouth has never before seen a day of such universal mourning. The railroad offices were all trimmed in mourning, and emblems of sorrow were seen in other places.

Hon. B. J. Cole of Lake Village, a lifelong friend of the late Joseph A. Dodge, was away at the beach but succeeded in reaching Plymouth in season to attend the funeral.

Hon. E. H. Mann handled the large special train with his characteristic ease and ability.

The number of strangers present was estimated at five thousand. The largest delegations came from Concord, Laconia and Lake Village. The large dining room and restaurant of the Pemigewasset House were crowded as seldom seen, and immense crowds gathered at the station on the arrival and departure of the trains. Every possible fastening place for teams was occupied. The church, Court House and Normal school steps were crowded with weary waiters and the grove opposite the Methodist edifice was alive with people, many of whom were Masons, while others reclined in front of the buildings previously mentioned. Smith Piper dispensed large quantities of ice water from barrels in a wagon at the foot of Court street during the services and subsequently J. W. Piper did the same at the foot of the Holderness hill, all of which were most thankfully received by hundreds of thirsty ones.

DWELLING HOUSE BURNED.

About 9.30 Wednesday morning the Congregational church bell announced an alarm of fire, which proved to be the small cottage and stable, with outbuildings, owned by William Miclon, situated at the junction of the Rumney and Campton roads, opposite Smith Rowe's, about one mile north of the village. The house being old and well seasoned, burned rapidly and by 10 o'clock had fallen to the ground. It was caused by a defective chimney, it is thought, the children rushing suddenly into the front part of the house to inform their mother of the fact, as she was at work there. The open window caused a good draft so that the destruction was speedy. Mrs. Miclon and her children escaped by getting out of a window it is said, and very little of the furniture was saved. A calf was led out by George Horner but a pig was roasted in his pen. Mr. Miclon, the owner, was absent cutting wood for Smith Rowe. He came from Canada and formerly worked on the railroad, living near Loon pond. He is very industrious and the family have the sympathy of all in their misfortune. Mr. F. W. Ballou recently owned and occupied the place, having but just sold it. There was an insurance of $300 on the house and the same sum on the furniture, both in the New Hampshire company of Manchester. The loss is somewhat greater. Smith Rowe's house was in some danger and the roof was wet by parties ascending a ladder with pails of water. Quite a crowd collected under the shade of the pine at the junction of the roads, including some gentlemen and ladies visiting here, who walked up from the village. Others as well as our own citizens rode up, although the heat rendered passage rather unpleasant for a time. The rear chimney did not fall during the fire. The goods saved were piled under the trees by the guide post.

PLYMOUTH PARAGRAPHS.

T. M. Fletcher, of Alderbrook, was recently in town.

George K. Thornton is visiting relatives in Campton.

Misses Blanche and Bessie Maynard were lately in town.

Misses Lotta and Nellie Milligan are spending their vacation with a party at the mountains.

The four young men who recently took a trip up the East Branch brought about 35 pounds of trout home with them.

The house occupied by Mr. O. B. Copeland owned by W. A. Cobb, Esq., has recently had a new fence built around it.

R. O. Wright and A. S. Hazelton have returned from the East Branch. They caught between four and five hundred trout while gone.

The fall term of Miss Flanders' school will open Tuesday, Sept. 5th, at the Kenliston Homestead. Only ladies will be admitted as regular pupils.

Dr. Samborn may be found at his residence, second house north of the Town Hall, when he is not at his office.

Messrs. John H. Gill and William Webster recently did a full day's work, mowing, raking and pitching hay. Their ages are respectively 74 and 76 years.

Rev. J. C. Rollins, pastor of the Congregational church at Hooksett, was married recently to Miss Mary F. Morse, at the residence of her uncle, H. H. Johnson, in Goffstown.

The freight and passenger trains run over this road are increasing rapidly. It is expected that there will be one hundred car loads of freight a day from the Canadian Pacific after November 1st.

We are indebted to the courtesy of R. W. Musgrove, editor of the Bristol Enterprise, for the cuts of the late Chaplain Ambrose, of the 12th N. H. regiment, and of the memorial stone at Weirs, which are published in this issue.

It takes more rain than we have had yet to dampen the Rev. Q. H. Shinn's enthusiasm. Anything he undertakes to do he will put through every time. The elements have to subside before his indefatigable energy.—*Weirs Times.*

D. W. Welch has lately been haying up to Campton Village, and is soon to visit his sister in Derry. He has lately prepared a book of 75 fables, six of which are in verse, for the press. He also has the manuscript of a Sunday school, story book nearly ready for publication.

Dr. J. A. Samborn owns a chain and compass which formerly belonged to his great grandfather, John Samborn, who was one of the twelve grantees and first settles of Sanbornton, and who made the first survey of that town with the above-named instruments. The doctor also has the autograph of this ancestor.

Last Saturday there was an excursion train from the Montpelier & Wells River railroad to the Weirs. The train passed through here about 11 a. m. downward, and 5 p. m. upward. There were fourteen cars, all well filled. On the way down the train stopped a few moments and the band which accompanied the excursionists played a few selections.

The thirteenth annual catalogue of the State Normal School for '82-'83 states that 47 pupils attended the school during the last school year. Of these the greater number were from Grafton county. The number from each of the different sections are as follows: Philadelphia, Pa., Natick and Stowe, Mass., one each; Coos, Hillsborough and Sullivan counties, two each; Belknap and Strafford, three each; Rockingham, four; Cheshire, five; Merrimack, nine; Grafton, thirteen.

No Fooling.

C. M. Boynton' Concord, N. H., is selling Dry Goods cheaper than ever. He is not giving goods away, but is willing to give his customers all the profits on his summer goods, so as to close them out before the hot weather is over; he wants no old goods on hand when his new fall stock comes in Profit or cost of no account; he must clear up his summer stock. Visit him, Sign of the Big Hand, opposite Depot street for Dry Goods. jesait

WARD'S HILL.

Miss Emma P. Simmons, of Lynn, is stopping at Q. H. Shinn's. She is an old friend of the family.

Rev. Q. H. Shinn and family have been up to the Profile House, driving up the Pemigewasset valley with his team. Miss Simmons accompanied them.

Mrs. V. P. Lyford of Chelsea, Mass., is now stopping at A. Lyford's.

The weather has been all that could be desired so far this season. Vegetation promises well. Potatoes, which are considered in every household a special necessity, are looking well, of fine quality and average crop.

Mr. [illegible] Hull has been here to see his sister, Mrs. [illegible] J. D. Stafford. His big watch dog, Prin[illegible], is yet here with Mr. Stafford. Some think the dog is rather quarrelsome, but [illegible]ther than some men.

A.

HEBRON.

Boarders are quite plenty now. E. Barnard has 25 and more are coming. M. Follansbee has a number with them.

Mrs. White and daughter, of Worcester, Mass., are visiting at George Russell's.

John Sanborn has sold his McCartney farm to Mr. Tukey, of Everett, Mass., and the same man has bought Mr. Hallon's farm also.

W. Wise has gone to Franklin to work in a brick yard.

George Davis and wife are visiting among their friends here.

M.

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ASHLAND ALLEGATIONS.

Mr. Green's family are in town and intend house keeping in Abel Mitchell's house. Mr. Green is foreman in the weaving room of the Squam Lake mills.

Mrs. Samuel Blanchard, Sr., is in a critical condition. She is about 84 years old, and it is supposed that she had a shock of paralysis as she was found upon the floor, where she had fallen.

George R. Prescott, of Boston, of the firm of Putnam & Prescott, has been in town. His wife has been in Holderness with her father, D. H. Cox, since his serious fall from a load of hay.

Mrs. Henry Worcester and daughters and Mrs. A. M. Gordon have been visiting in town.

Charles Fish and family, of Lowell, Mass., have been visiting in town.

George B. Stevens is rebuilding his ell.

Mrs. Minard, of Boston, is at Asa Drew's.

E. T. Plaisted is taking a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. M. A. Dearborn has been ill.

A. E. Porter is having the upper part of his store rebuilt for a family residence.

Warren M. Baker's two daughters, of Boston Mass., are at R. E. Plaisted's.

Mrs. J. W. Stuart is very ill.

Mrs. John Drew is sick again.

T. N. Hughes is better.

The postmaster and his two sons have been spending a week in Calais, Vt.

Miss Ada Cheney has been visiting in Boston recently.

Charles H. Mudgett has been spending a few days at home.

An oleander bearing 2,105 buds and blossoms is owned by Mrs. S. C. Baker.

Mrs. George Cummings and daughter, from Woodsville, are at S. C. Baker's.

D. C. Merrill is about to build an addition to his shop. He has the foundation laid already.

J. L. Wilson, Esq., intends building a cottage house near his residence.

Fair at the Town Hall, August 23rd, from 2 to 10 p. m. Admission free. Supper 25 cents. "Old Curiosity Shop", the paper, the Whittier autograph album, singing and playing, tableaux, a masquerade dance, etc., are features of the entertainment, which is to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Earnest Workers, and to aid in building a rectory.

The drama, "Turn of the Tide", is soon to be put on the stage.

John Shepard is coming soon for his annual visit.

Rev. G. G. Jones is in Boston this week.

Mrs. Rufus Harris is still quite ill.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

Miss Rena F. Colby, of Boston, is visiting Mrs. G. M. Burleigh and daughter.

C. D. Maloon has moved into his new residence.

About $75 worth of blueberries have been carried from Dr. Mason's pasture this summer.

George Dallison has moved upon the Hilton place.

H. C. Minot and party from Concord caught nearly 40 pounds of black bass from Lake Waukewan one day recently.

Mr. Hodgson's store house is being painted, with a ground work of holly green with dark trimmings.

J. D. Homan of Tilton is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. F. Hawkins.

Many of the mill hands have been out of work this week on account of the pen-stock repairs.

The roller skating rink at the Town Hall will be open once more, and music will be furnished to night.

Mrs. J. M. Scavey and Miss Mabel have returned home from the coast of Maine.

Mrs. David Wright and Miss Florence expect to return to Chillicothe, Ohio, soon. They came east about a year ago.

Ed. Quimby salesman and book keeper in J. W. Beede's store is having a vacation while J. J. Prescott is at work in his place.

A new stairway to the Town Hall is needed very much.

The water in Lake Waukewan is very low.

Mr. E. B. Wiggin is at work in the News office.

Miss Mary A Toukin, of Concord, is in town.

Mr. Freeman Culley and wife, of Barre, Vt., are visiting here.

Advent camp meeting at Alton Bay commences today.

Rev. Mr. Bard is expected here on a visit.

Mrs. Hattie Bradford, of Phenix, R. I., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thurston.

Mr. J. T. Sturtevant is having water brought from the canal to his house near the Town Hall.

Jno. Jackson has moved into Mrs. Patience Prescott's house.

Rev. Mr. Quimby of Sandwich preached at the Free Will Baptist last Sabbath.

Mr. Dr. Carey and family have returned home.

Mrs. J. W. Beede has sweet corn, one stalk of which measures five inches in circumference at the butt and is ten feet in height.

A young doctor by the name of Jones talks of coming to this town.

Mr. Hinman and wife, of Bangor, are visiting his sister, Mrs. A. A. Kidder.

Mr. Moody Roberts has cucumber vines which bore two cucumbers upon one stem.

A party left here the first of the week for a trip to Old Orchard, Beach. The party comprised of Mr. Stillman Moses and wife, with their son and daughter; Squire Clark and wife; Misses Nellie Mead and Hattie Hoyt; Mrs. J. P. F. Smith and daughter and Mrs. Dr. Geo. Sanborn.

RUMNEY.

Mr. Henry Choate and family, of Fitchburg, Mass., are visiting Mrs. W. J. Burgess.

Blackberries are beginning to ripen and promise to be plentiful.

Rev. Mr. Fisk, of Groton, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Clough of this place, last Sabbath.

Rev. K. S. Hall has been quite sick again.

A fine shower passed over here Friday about 5 o'clock p. m., the rain falling copiously for about 25 minutes.

N.

Mrs. George Simpson and daughter, Nellie, have just returned from a ten days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harley Whiting, of Lake Village.

The sixth annual grave meeting will be held at Julius Keniston's grove, Aug. 24th, 25th and 26th. All denominations are invited to come and take part. Rev. W. A. Starr, secretary of Mass. convention; Rev. S. P. Smith, of Marblehead, Mass.; Rev. Q. H. Shinn, of Plymouth; Rev. J. P. Atkinson, of Laconia; Hon. Joseph Kidder, of Manchester; Rev. Walter Doe, of Enfield; Rev. L. F. McKinney, of Manchester; Rev. H. S. Fiske, of Hennicker; Rev. James Usher, of West Rumney, will be among those present. Dinner on the ground as usual between 12 and 2 o'clock p. m.

G.

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Mr. E. G. Reed, of Boston, Mass., says: "One of my horses had fistulous withers, the ulcer being very large and deep. Ellis's Spavin Cure has cured him." jytaug14

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—J. C. C. in Among the Clouds.

Vol. I, No. 1, has lately appeared at this office of *The Broadside*, a large, two-page sheet, containing many sharp hits and lively items. It is "discharged occasionally as circumstances demand by the publishers, Printers by O. N. Flanders & Co., Job Printers, Room 5, Merchant's Block, Concord, N. H. Agreeable to notice given *The Broadside* appears as a new paper in New Hampshire's capital city. It is published in the interests of the public in general and its publishers in particular. Its aim is to interest, and please, and incidentally to furnish valuable information in domestic economy by pointing out in its advertising columns where purchases may most advantageously be made, and the almighty dollar made to go the farthest." Price, one cent.

The American Library Association will hold its sixth annual meeting at Buffalo on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-17. There will be a great number of essays, reports and other interesting appropriate matter presented. The aim of those who projected this Library Association was, 1st, to enable librarians to do their present work more easily and at less expense; 2nd, to enable some of them to do a higher work than they had yet attempted and others to perform their highest work better. The first object has been attained to quite an extent already. All needed library supplies can be obtained from the Supply Department of the Association much cheaper than from dealers in general. More members are desired, and all who are interested in literary matters, who wish for their price lists or join the Association, for further particulars should address Melvil Dewey, Madison Av. & 40 St., N. Y.

BORN.

In Ashland, Aug. 11, to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]smythe, a son.

DIED.

In West Rumney, Mrs. Joshua Hall, aged 78 years, 6 months.

She was the mother of B. A. Hall with whom she resided. She died where she had lived 60 years, after 48 hours' sickness. She was a devoted mother. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Usher of that place.

In Warren, Aug. 7th, of consumption, son of Nelson Libbey, aged 11 months.

In Warren, Aug. 10th, of heart disease, Ada, daughter of Asa Merrill, aged 11 years.

In Ashland, Aug. 4, Nathan Huckins, aged 74 years.

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CAMPTON.

Rev. C. L. Wells, of Flatbush, L. I., Will preach in the Congregational church next Sabbath, August 19th. Services commence at a quarter before 11 a. m.

The Black Mountain House has over 100 boarders. The house is kept in a superb manner. The buildings and all the surroundings are really elegant and Messrs. Buchanan & Willis are now reaping the reward of their large expenditure upon the premises. The Hillside House has 53 boarders and other boarding houses are full and more, and still they come. There were never so many people in Campton. The new railroad is surely a benefit to this town, croaking ravens and screaming vultures to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. W. Morrison & Son are remodelling the store recently bought. They will finish it from cemented cellar to attic, and will finish the second story for offices, etc., which are already rented, will build a piazza with show windows and paint the building inside in colors. They have placed a telephone on the first floor which makes ten instruments in Campton. They informed your correspondent that they have sold more goods this season than ever before, and attribute the fact to the accommodations of the P. V. railroad with its express office and six mails a day, and the facilities of keeping a larger stock so that people are not obliged to go out of town for goods.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

GENERAL ITEMS.

—The schooner E. G. Irwin was libelled by the government for violating the neutrality laws.

—It is believed Lieutenant Colonel Guido Iges has been condemned by court martial to dismissal from the army for duplication of his pay accounts.

—A very important case was decided in Grafton, Va., Charles Burns was injured by an explosion of fire-damp six months ago in the Gorton Mines. He immediately brought suit for $2,000, and the Court has awarded him the full amount of his claim. The operators intend to carry the case to the Supreme Court.

—New Jersey Nationalists nominated Congressman Urner for Governor. The platform opposes all monopolies, especially money, land, railroads, and telegraphs; recommends the Government to issue all money, making it full legal tender; opposes fund grants to the railroads; favors Government control of the highways of transportation, and a graduated income tax.

—Two hundred and fifty men, employed at the new Opera House in New York city, as plasterers, bricklayers, plumbers and laborers, ceased work on Friday because the "walking delegate" of the union was refused access to the works.

—Professor Hind, who was engaged as an expert accountant by the International Fisheries Commission, renews charges of fraud in connection with the awards made by the commissioners.

—Advices from Newfoundland state that many of the vessels engaged in seal catching have been very successful.

—While the President and party were at Fort Wachakie, Wy. T., the Shoshone and Arapahoe chiefs, together with about five hundred warriors, called upon President Arthur, when addresses were delivered on both sides. A war dance was also given for the entertainment of the party.

—Two men were killed and three injured in a Pittsburg steel establishment while taking stock by the falling of a rack of metal.

—The Convention of Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers at Philadelphia, adopted a resolution to contribute $50,000 in aid of the striking iron workers at Bethlehem, Pa., and it was agreed to send them $100,000 per week if necessary.

—Captain Emmett Crawford, Third cavalry, has been directed by General Crook to take charge of the Indians at San Carlos reservation, A. T.

—Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, denies that he had any arrangement whatever with the Ford brothers.

—Newfoundland advises announce the loss of the British brig Vimiel and a valuable cargo.

—Miss Adelaide Rister, the tragedienne, has announced her intention of making a farewell tour of America.

—Joseph Stout was hanged at Rockville, Ind., on Wednesday, for the murder of Taylor Dunbar, a neighbor, whom he robbed, taking a few dollars and a watch. He asserted his innocence, but confessed everybody.

—Lewis Lawrence Conrad, a prominent lawyer of Baltimore, was shot and killed in bed by his insane and invalid wife on Tuesday.

—At Philadelphia the Coroner's jury in the case of W. A. J. Fiss, a patient in the Norristown Insane Asylum, who died after receiving injuries at the hands of an attendant, rendered a verdict against the latter.

—At a Chicago boarding house twenty-seven persons having partaken of a meal including roast veal, ice cream and watermelon, were seized with violent cramps, causing a cholera scare and a general stampede from the neighborhood.

—Sullivan, the Boston pugilist, and Slade, the Maori giant, shook hands Monday evening for the first time in Madison Square Garden, New York city. There had been so much bold about the men that excitement was high and the garden was crowded with sporting men. Sullivan used the Maori as he did all the rest of his competitors and the Australian was so badly punished by the time the round that he was withdrawn from the ring.

—The Vermont National Bank, of St. Albans, of which Mr. Bradley Barlow is president, closed its doors Monday morning. Mr. Barlow is president of the Southeastern Railway of Canada. The St. Albans Trust Company has also suspended, its president, Mr. Lawrence Brainerd, who was a heavy indorser on Barlow's paper, having made an assignment for the benefit of the trust company. Brainerd's property, which has been assigned, is valued at $500,000.

—One colored girl killed another through jealousy on the eastern shore of Maryland.

—A crowd of roughs, surprised by the owners of some fruit trees they were attempting to fell in Illinois, attacked and killed him.

—An insane man at Vinal Haven, Me., killed a fellow workmen and attempted suicide.

—The citizens of Castleton, N. Y., of German origin, indignant at the conduct of a fellow countryman, tarred and feathered him.

—Mayor Vroom, of Trenton, N. J., has forbidden music of every kind to the parades of the Salvation Army in that city.

—The telegraph operators upon four railroads were ordered on strike—namely, those of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the Chicago and Alton, the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Wabash. They met on the Eastern division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western refused to obey the command. West of Buffalo they are reported to have struck. The operators upon the other roads do not appear to have heeded the order of the brotherhood.

—While attempting to cross a railroad track in a wagon, near Essex Center, Vt., on Wednesday, the driver was killed and his wife fatally injured by a passing train.

—The coroner's jury in their verdict as to the railroad disaster at Carlyon, N. Y., censure the depot agent and suggest that the railroad company take additional precautions against accidents.

—Dispatches from Montreal announce some wonderful cures of sick pilgrims at the shrine of Ste. Anne-de Beaupre.

—A Western Union manager in Texas having failed to prove a charge of violence against a striker, was fined $25 for contempt of court, Wednesday.

—The rowers in nine different shops in North St. Louis struck for higher wages Wednesday.

—The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention at Harrisburg nominated the following ticket: For Auditor-General, Robert Taggart, of Warren; for State Treasurer, Joseph Powell, of Bedford.

The platform adopted favors civil service reform which consists in the election to office of honest, intelligent, capable and courageous public servants, who will faithfully administer their trust; favors such taxation of the people as is requisite for the necessities of the Government, economically administered, and that import duties should be so adjusted as their application as to prevent unnecessary burdens, encourage productive industries at home; declares that the public lands shall be held for settlers, and the public moneys are for public uses, and all appropriations should be the subject of rigid scrutiny to the end that these uses may be served without personal or local favoritism, waste or prodigality.

—Special advices from St. Johns, N. F., announce the total loss of the British barkentine Octavia.

—The Postmaster at Philadelphia, in an interview, expressed himself as being decidedly in favor of the proposed postal telegraph system.

—Peace has once more been proclaimed between the United Cigar Manufacturers' Association and the Cigar Makers' Progressive Union, of New York city, and the immediate danger of a resumption of the lockout has passed.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

—A Madrid correspondent, in his special cable dispatches, tells of the spread of the revolutionary movement in Spain. Small bodies of troops in various provinces in the north and northeast of Spain have revolted and are being pursued by loyal forces.

—Floods in Egypt are feared owing to an unusually rapid rise of the Nile.

—Forty-two Krupp cannon and other material of war from Russia have been landed in Bulgaria.

—The committee of the House of Lords which has been considering the Manchester Ship Canal bill has decided to drop the measure for this session.

—The employees at the Ostro mines have revolted and have been rioting. Two companies of troops have been dispatched to the scene to restore order.

—A scientific commission, consisting of Professors Palmieri, Guiscardi, and Ignolora, have gone to the island of Ischia to study the cause of the recent earthquakes there.

—An editor of the *Gaulois*, of France, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for inciting Paris socialists to march on the Elysee.

—A rebellion broke out in a regiment of cavalry belonging to the Spanish army. Only one commissioned officer is reported to have joined. The officer was killed and the revolting men captured. Mutinies have taken place in other regiments.

—Morris Scharf, the boy who was the principal witness for the prosecution, in the Mansion trial of a number of Jews at Nyiregyhaza was charged with murdering a girl in order to procure her blood for ritual purposes, and who swore he saw the murder committed, has confessed to a reporter of the *Pesther Hirgel* (newspaper) that his testimony was false.

—The dynamiters in the Liverpool trials were found guilty and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

—It is now believed that Cetewayo is alive.

—Lord Carlingford refuses to restrict the importation of cattle into Great Britain.

—Several of the ringleaders in the riots against the Jews at Ekaterinoslav have been placed on trial. Six persons, including four officials, are to be prosecuted for the part they played in the Jewish trial at Nyregyhaza.

—At the Lord Mayor's banquet Mr. Gladstone declared the British would leave Egypt when the work of reform had been accomplished; that no insuperable difficulty existed with France, and that the pacification of Ireland was due to Earl Spencer.

—An informer on the trial of the dynamite conspirators at Liverpool testified as to secret drills of the Fenians.

—A London correspondent relates the discovery of many successful plots to wreck vessels in the Black Sea in order to claim the insurance money.

—Two Norwegian barks collided off Dover Wednesday; one sank, drowning thirteen of her crew.

—A tin box containing explosive material exploded on the Petersburg, Strasburg & Potomac, on Wednesday.

—Portuguese authorities arrested 300 of the immigrants who had crossed the frontier.

—O'Herlihy, Featherstone, Deasy, Flanagan and Dalton are on trial in Liverpool, charged with being connected in a dynamite conspiracy.

—M. Santos, a member of the Municipal Council of Paris, and M. Mayer, editor of the *Lanterne*, fought a duel Tuesday. M. Santos was wounded on the neck, hand and leg.

—Many members of Parliament will visit America during the coming recess.

—James McDermott was arrested in Liverpool on the arrival from America charged with being engaged in a murder conspiracy.

—French troops have destroyed the Assouan screen the canal at Nomchah.

—The reorganization of the Egyptian army under Lord Dufferin's plan is almost completed.

—On the 26th inst. a fire destroyed the town of Larva, in the coffee district, Porto Rico, burning sixty-one houses, the greater part of them in the business portions of the town, the losses amounting to $240,000; insurance $18,000. Happily there were no lives lost. There is a great excitement in the town owing to threats being made to burn the few houses remaining, though it is believed that this is nothing but talk.

—These were removed anti-Jewish riots at Ekaterinoslav in which 100 persons were killed and wounded.

—Mr. Gladstone says that the early withdrawal of the British troops from Egypt is not probable.

—Thirty thousand of Mr. Bradlaugh's supporters protested against his exclusion from the House of Commons at a great meeting in London.

—Michael Davitt, in a speech at Kilkee, accused the British government of weakness.

—A child which was buried in ruins at Casamicciola at the time of the earthquake was rescued alive on Saturday.

—An estimate of the English harvest prospects show that wheat and barley will be below an average crop, oats and potatoes above.

—German war vessels have been ordered to insist that supplies of American pork.

—The rising in Spain was begun by the garrison of Badajoz; the disaffected troops are marching to the Portuguese frontier.

—A Congress of socialists, at Roveredo, was dispersed by the police.

—President Grevy says that France has no intention of making war upon the Pope.

The Apache's Idea of War.

In dealing with the Indian question, says General Crook, in his report to the War Department: "I could not lose sight of the fact that the Apache Indian represents generations of warfare and bloodshed. From his earliest infancy he has had to defend himself against enemies as cruel as the beasts of the mountain and forest. His own nature does not little from that of the wolf or coyote. In his tribal moments of peace he constantly looks for attack or ambuscade, and in his almost constant warfare no act of bloodshed is too cruel or monstrous. It is therefore unjust to hold him responsible for a code of war which he has never known, and for a state of affairs which he can with difficulty understand. He has in almost all his combats with white men found that his women and children are the first to suffer; that neither age nor sex are spared. In the surprise and attacks of camps women and children are killed in spite of every precaution; nor can this loss of life be prevented by any orders or foresight of the commander, for any more than the shells fired into a beleaguered city can be prevented from killing innocent women or burning private property. Nor does this fact surprise him, since it is in accordance with his own custom of fighting; but with this fact before us we can understand why he should be ignorant of the rules of civilized warfare."

THE ELMIRA BARRACKS.

How the Confederate Soldiers were Treated in Captivity.

The thriving little City of Elmira lies on the picturesque banks of the Chemung river, a few miles north of the boundary line between New York and Pennsylvania. It contains a population of 25,000 inhabitants, and is a bustling, busy trade center, with nothing especially to distinguish it from other cities of like size but the fact of its being the summer home of Mark Twain and the proposed site of a monument to our general ancestor, Adam. But about twenty years ago Elmira occupied a prominent place in the eyes of the public. It was then an important military post, and its streets echoed to the tread of 20,000 soldiers. Lying at the intersection of the Erie and Pennsylvania railroad systems it was one of the most important recruiting stations of the North, and thousands of troops were here equipped and sent out. Here it was, too, that in 1864 was established one of the most famous rebel prisons. On the banks of the river in the northern suburb of the city, nearly two miles from the then business center, lay Barracks No. 3. The enclosure contained about thirty acres, gently sloping toward the south and was surrounded by a high, tight fence. At the northern end were several large buildings used as officers' barracks. These, with one exception, have all been removed and the whole space built up with cottages. Some twelve thousand captive Confederate soldiers were confined here from the latter part of 1864 until the close of the war. Along the top of the fence surrounding the prison ran a platform several feet in width. Along this, at stated intervals, paced armed sentinels, while guards were also stationed at points around the outside.

The barracks were in the western end of the enclosure, and were made fully as comfortable for the prisoners as they had previously been for the soldiers. About sunset on the sultry evening of July 7, 1864, the first detachment of rebel prisoners arrived in Elmira, via Erie Railway, from New York. They had been captured at Point Lookout, and were mostly from North and South Carolina and Virginia. They were a tall, hardy lot of men, rugged and travel stained, but in general good spirits. They were mainly from the rank and file, few officers ever being consigned to Elmira. Every few days for the rest of the year saw additions made to the first detachment of 700 on the 7th of July, and the beginning of the new year, found above 8,000 men in Barracks No. 3. On July 16, the third consignment of Confederates arrived over the Erie road. The train which bore them had met with a frightful accident. Between Lackawaxen and Shohola, the train, laden with 800 prisoners and their guards, had been run into by a coal train and wrecked. Fifty men had been killed outright and 100 others badly wounded. The sufferers were brought and placed in the hospital and well cared for. The rules and regulations governing the prison were of the most rigid character. As fast as they arrived at the barracks a careful examination of their persons was made, and the men divided into companies for the better preservation of order. A "prison fund" was created, to be used in the purchase of additional table delicacies, defraying the expenses of washing and mending, etc. This fund was principally made up from the difference between the prison rations and those allowed the United States soldiers.

All Together.

A pretty girl leaning on the arm of a good-looking young man walked into one of the summer theatres the other evening and took seats near the stage. In front of them was a portly gentleman and his wife.

Suddenly the gentleman turned around and, looking at the girl, exclaimed: "What, you, Minnie! Ah! Mr. Moore, I believe."

"Yes, doctor," said the young man, nervously. "I thought your voice would like to see the play."

"Very kind of you," replied the doctor.

"Dear me," said Minnie now, with a blush, "I wish we had seats all together, uncle."

The doctor thought for a moment and then a bright thought found expression in his face. "I want to talk to you, Minnie, and Mr. Moore wants to see my wife about those pictures we were talking about the other night. Now, Mr. Moore, you and I change seats.

"Oh, yes," said the elderly lady.

"Oh, ain't it too much trouble for you, uncle?" queried the pretty girl.

"Not the slightest, my dear girl," and the doctor got up.

It is strange, but the girl pronounced the play shocking when the curtain went down, and the young man declared it a bore, and yet the doctor and his wife liked it immensely.

It Elected.

A William street saloon keeper recently dropped into his store. He had been absent for a week, and when he arrived his face looked like a chopping-block.

"What's the matter?" asked a friend.

"I don't see anything the matter," he answered.

"What you get your head bound up like a base brute at a soldier's funeral for?"

"Oh! that's all right."

"Where did you get that black eye?"

"Now, see here," said he. "For fear that you'll go away with the idea that I've been splitting wood, or getting up in the night for a drink, or that my mother-in-law is in town, I'll tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me twenty-five cents! My neighbor's cat ate up all my chickens, and I shot the cat."

And then the interviewer shook his head knowingly and remarked:

"I see! the gun kicked."

"No," responded the saloon keeper, "it was the neighbor who kicked."—*N. Y. World.*

AMERICAN PORK.—The German Admiralty have ordered the commanders of men-of-war to limit their supplies of American pickled pork to what is necessary for sustenance of the crew during the passage home of the vessels from foreign stations. The object of the order is to avoid the landing of any such pork at German ports.

A JAUNT THROUGH COLORADO.

What was Seen on the Trip, With a Few Remarks by the Way.

Since I came into Colorado I have played at snow-ball with John Sutman on the last day of July. I have seen ladies scrape away the snow and pick flowers from the ground under the rock, and I have seen red ripe strawberries picked from green bushes after kicking off a foot of snow from over them. This is at Alpine Pass.

I have seen men on horseback along the railroad tracks, where we have men afoot, as track-walkers; have seen three horsemen draw out a red flag, and ride back a dare-devil gallop over the ties to flag a train.

I have seen the ticket agent at Marshal's Pass, 10,725 feet attitude sitting by a roaring fire in his office, July 30, while outside the ladies of our excursion were gathering wild flowers and berries, thermometer forty-four degrees in the shade.

I have seen the adobe houses of the Mexicans at Pueblo, wherein was more dirt and filth than ever dreamed of by an Eastern family; wherein men, women, girls and visitors alike sleep under straw on a clay floor, in the one room which was alike kitchen, parlor and bedroom. I have seen Mexican girls with castanets dancing a fandango, wearing nothing but a few sunflowers in their long black hair, unabashed in the presence of a hundred onlookers.

I have seen in the streets of twenty saloon towns open gambling hells, with a sign above the door, "Cards and Ram." I have seen on the streets of Denver splendid houses, the occupation of whose female inmates was only too plainly indicated by a transparency gas lamp suspended in the vestibule.

I have seen mountains of rocks thousands of feet high, with the stones arranged layer upon layer as it built by a mason, as regularly and carefully laid, and I have been standing in the middle of a plain, a flat stone, on its edge 330 feet to the lop. And I have seen in the Royal Gorge a mountain over 2,000 feet high, and seeming one big solid rock.

I have seen, and have in my satchel, specimens of coal brought from the same mountain, one from an anthracite vein proving up eighty-nine per cent. carbon, and another of bituminous coal from a vein eight feet thick, and from a tested field of 3,500 acres and owned by one man.

I have seen a girl, dashing over the plains on horseback, dismount to pick a bouquet for her hat, and, calling her Newfoundland dog, step on his back and remount.

I have seen an open Bible lying on an elegantly carved oak altar at the entrance of a rum shop and gambling den at Leadville, and above the Bible a sign painted, saying: "Please, Kind Friends, Don't Swear." Think of such an appeal, made in such a way, by the keeper of a drinking den!

I have ridden in a palace car on the Rio Grande railroad, the name of which, painted on its side in gilt letters, was "The Blood of Jesus," followed by another car named "Heart of the Saviour."

I have traveled nearly 2,000 miles over territory west of the Missouri in a land which my mind had peopled with Indians, and have not seen a single Indian on the whole trip—not one—except two filthy squaws on the station platform at Cheyenne.

Death to Mosquitoes and Flies.

"That's a queer order," remarked a Chestnut street florist on Saturday afternoon to a *Record* reporter, at the same time handing him a dispatch, dated Atlantic city, August 4, which read as follows:

"Send the 200 castor-oil plants as soon as possible, at the price quoted in your letter of July 28. Sample came O. K. and acted like a dream."

To the telegram was attached the name of the proprietor of one of the largest hotels in Atlantic city.

"What does he want with castor-oil plants?" queried the scribe.

"Well," replied the florist, "they're not particularly pretty, but they're death on flies and mosquitoes, and he is going to use them to keep the hotel free from these pests."

The discovery that castor-oil plants possess the faculty of killing and keeping away flies, mosquitoes and other insects was recently made by a French scientist named Rafford who noticed that certain rooms in his house, in which castor-oil plants were growing, were entirely free from these disagreeable insects, although other apartments were infested with them. He found lying near the plants great quantities of dead flies, and a large number of dead bodies were hanging to the under surface of the leaves, which caused him to investigate the matter, and the discovery was made that the plants gave out an essential oil or some tonic principle which possessed very powerful insecticide qualities.

In the greenhouse connected with the florist's establishment the reporter was shown several hundreds of the plants, from a foot to eighteen inches in height, and a most careful examination of the place failed to disclose the presence of a single fly.

"There is no doubt," said the florist, "that the idea of keeping out insects by this means will prove very popular. The plants are handy and need but little care."—*Philadelphia Record.*

Rigorous Law.

The bill brought into the French Chamber to render more rigorous the law of affiliation has just drawn from Alexandre Dumas a pamphlet which is an eloquent plea for the illegitimate. Dumas's proposals on this point are that every unmarried man who is proved to be the father of a child which he has abandoned to the care of its mother, shall be compelled to adopt the child, and to educate it in accordance with his own position in society, and that every man who, being married, is unable to support the child, shall be condemned to from two to five years' imprisonment. The clergy are in favor, while the lawyers decide it as impracticable. But Dumas is convinced that the novelists, as being learned in human nature, are trustworthier guides with regard to this question than those who are only learned in law.

Avoid Farm Mortgages.

Mortgages are necessary and beneficial to civilized society, but there are unpleasant features about them. They often enable a man to accomplish what he could not otherwise do, and they also often involve a man who would have been otherwise successful. They often enable a man to get out of trouble which he could not otherwise avoid, and they perhaps equally often make miserable a life which would have otherwise been happy. It is easy to get them on to the farm, but it is not always so easy to get them off. Farm mortgages are about the best investment that capital can find. Investors generally like them. They partake of the nature, permanence, and other substantial qualities of real property, but are relieved from many of the burdens imposed upon land.

The editor of the *American Agriculturist* says that one investment company in New York city has upward of $20,000,000 in farm mortgages, mostly on Western farms. The money draws seven per cent. and upward, and is obtained in Europe at four per cent. so that the annual profits to the investment company are about $600,000. There are perhaps a dozen such companies in New York city alone, and there are private investors, now that money is plentiful all over the country; so that there is no lack of opportunity to get mortgages on farms. But so hard are they to get off that, notwithstanding the fact that investors will not generally loan more than a third or a half of the value of the security offered, a broker who deals largely in farm mortgages, recently said to the writer that, as a rule, mortgages are not paid. That is to say, when a farm is once mortgaged, it in a majority of instances remains so for a long time. If one mortgage is paid, another is made to raise the money. If it is foreclosed, it is very rare that anything is paid back to the farmer. If it is sold, it often continues to be traded around until it gets into the hands of some one who use it in buying the land, and so gets "satisfied."

Money at seven per cent. will double in ten years if the interest is kept invested. If the farmer carries a mortgage of say $5,000 for thirty years, it will cost him, at seven per cent. about $35,000 for the use of the $5,000. This enormous figure, obtained by computing interest at seven per cent. on the amounts paid, is no more than a fair estimation of the cost of such a mortgage, for the farmer can doubtless always invest his money in something which will yield him seven per cent.

Therefore:—1. Do not mortgage the farm unless it is absolutely necessary. But, as a general rule is less valuable than a particular one, it may be well to specify, by adding: 2. Do not mortgage to build a fine house. By so doing, you will have to pay money for an investment which does not bring money. 3. Do not mortgage the farm to buy more land. Where there is absolute certainty that more can be made out of the land than the cost of the mortgage, this rule might not apply. But absolute certainty is rare, mistaken calculation is common. 4. Do not mortgage a farm unless you are sure of the continued fertility of its soil. Many persons borrow with an expectation of repayment based on an experience of the land's virginity only, which, on failing, may leave the land less productive, and the means of repayment thus be removed. In this way trouble begins which may result in the loss of the farm. Keep very clear of mortgages.

A COAL BARGE.—A company has purchased the steamship Great Eastern for the coal trade between the Firth of Forth and the Thames. Twenty thousand tons of coal can be stowed away in her in sacks. The use to which she has come may not be without pathos to those who recall the dreams of her designers, but it may be a compensating remembrance that so notable an historic memorial as Capt. Cook's Resolution was also employed in the coal traffic.

AN INSURANCE agent named Pyle,
In running fell over the stile,
St. Jacobs Oil gave relief
And the Pain was so brief,
He got up and said: "I should smile."

A lame old lady at Keyser,
Had no one to advise her,
Till Doctor John Boyle,
Tried St. Jacobs Oil,
Its action did simply surprise her.

WHAT a happy way of putting things the'reat poet has! Now, Burns, instead of saying "Beware of pickpockets!" expresses the same idea by "A chiel's amang ye takin' notes."

MARKET NOTES.
NEW YORK MARKET.

The Wholesale New York market quotations show:

BEANS—Prime, $3.05@$3.70; fair to good, $2.00@$2.25 per bushel.

BUTTER—New York sold at 22@23½c. for choice in pails, and 15@19c. common to good. Western Creamery sold at 21@22c., and the common Western at 17@19c.

CHEESE—Factory fancy, 10½@10¾c; do. fair to good, 9@9c.

EGGS—Quotations ranged from 20c. for ordinary, to 23c. for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

FLOUR—Superfine, $3.05@$3.90; Western, $4.30@$7.35; extra New York, $4.30@$6.00.

HAY—Shipping, 55@60c.; clover, 45@50c., cash, 60c.; timothy, 75c.

HOPS—New York, —@20c.; Eastern, 25@27c; yearlings, 2—@25c; olds, —@—.

LEATHER—Refined, 13½c; crude, 6½@7½c in bulk, in barrels, 8½c; sophine, 9½c in shipping order, and 11½@12c. in sheets.

PORK—Clear back, $18.37½@19.00; dressed hogs, 7½@7¾c.

WHEAT—Spring No. 3, —@$1.15; Milwaukee, No. 2, $1.15; amber, $1.32@$2.40; white, .81@$1.21½.

CORN—Western Mixed, 58@58½c.; Steamer Mixed, 57@57½c. in elevator, 57½c. delivered; No. 2, 61½@61½c. in elevator, 62½@62¾c. delivered; White Southern, —c. delivered.

RYE—State, 69@71½c.

WOOL—Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, XXX, 45@46c.; XX, 42@44c.; X, 42@43c.; No. 1, 40@42c.; No. 2, 38@40c.; combing, 43@45c.; New York and Western XX and X, 39@42½c.; No. 1, 40@45c.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

FLOUR—State family, $5.00@$5.15; rye flour $5.75@$6.00; Pennsylvania family, —@—.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, $1.16@$1.20; amber, $1.43; corn, yellow, 62c.; mixed Indiana 62½c.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 7½c.; crude, 6¼c.

BUTTER—Pennsylvania XX, 23@24c.; X, 47@48c.; medium, 36@37c.; creamery, 45c.

BOSTON MARKET.

FLOUR—From $3.00@$4.75 for low and medium, to $5.00@6.00 for choice Minnesota. $6.00@$7.00 for extra and fancy.

BUTTER—Common, 15c.@17c.; Vermont dairy, 18@20c.; choice creamery, 21@23c.

CHEESE—9½@10c.

EGGS—Eastern, 20@21.

HAY—Choice, $16@$17.

CATTLE MARKETS.

BUFFALO — Cattle, good quality, $5.25@$5.70; heap, fair to good, $4.30@$4.95; best, $5.05.

EAST LIBERTY, PENN.—Best cattle, $6.50@$6.65; medium to good, $6.00@$6.50; common to fair, $5.00@$5.60; Hogs, Yorkers, $5.75@$5.80; Philadelphians, $5.80@$5.85. Sheep, $5.25@$5.50.

WATERTOWN, MASS.—Cattle, choice, $—@$—; extra, $6.00@$6.75; first quality, $5.50@$5.75; second quality, $5.00@$5.25; third quality, $4.25@$4.75. Sheep and lambs —and sheep, $4.25@$4.50; extra, $5.00@$5.50; spring lambs, 6@6½c. Veal calves, 6@6½c.

THE DANGER OF OVER-EXERTION.

A Stalwart Man Becomes Weaker Than a Child and Then Receives His Former Strength.

(Waterloo, N. Y., Observer.)

In these days of rowing & oats and athletic heroes fine physical development is more than ever the order of the time and the Athenian games. A man who excels in the element of physical power is looked up to for more than in the days of our ancestors guerilla heroes are, for a symmetrical and well-developed man is admired more than ever. An accuracy of this paper met a man of great symmetrical proportions, who showed by his general development, were as hard as wood. At his request the writer sought to reach him in the arms or legs, but found it wholly impossible. A realization of what is meant by an iron man was fully made manifest.

"Have you always been so stalwart as this?" inquired the news gatherer.

"Not by any means," was the reply. "When a young man I was always strong and active and felt that I could accomplish anything. This feeling so took possession of me on one occasion that I attempted to lift a box which required the strength of two men to move. I succeeded in placing it on the wagon, but in two minutes from that time I was stretched on a bed reminded so for hours and when I recovered consciousness I vomited a large quantity of blood. From that day I began to grow weak and sickly. I believed that I had suffered some internal injury and experienced a general debility, which seemed similar to the effects produced by malaria. My back was very weak, I had no appetite, and a times loathed food. My liver were particularly affected. My head felt as though it were entirely upon the top and it pained me on the side intensely. In six weeks' time I had fallen away from 170 pounds to less than 120. I was in a most wretched condition. I was completely discouraged."

"What did the doctors say about you?"

"Almost everything. I consulted no less than six different physicians and all treated me and none did me any good. At that time I was suffering intensely. I could not eat nor get a bite but was obliged to rest in a cramped, uneasy position. I worried